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## CYCLONE SWEEPS ACROSS COUNTY

Eight or Nine Lives Lost And Much Property Destroyed.

## GREAT FLOODS IN NORTH AND WEST

Water Puts Out Fires in Mills Around Pittsburg and Drives People to Second Stories of Residences—The Flood in West Virginia.

(By Associated Press.)  
COLUMBUS, GA., March 21.—The Opelika News of this evening publishes a special from Roanoke, Randolph county, Alabama, stating that reports have reached Roanoke of a disastrous cyclone which swept across the southern part of Randolph county late last night. Eight or nine lives are known to have been lost, and damage amounting to thousands of dollars was done to property.

The cyclone started at a point near Double Head and proceeded in a north-westerly course. The residence of Mack Carlisle was demolished, and R. C. Haynes, of Roanoke, was killed. Six miles east, a number of houses were demolished, and three negroes were killed and several injured on the Wilson plantation. Three or four negroes were killed on the Holly plantation, near Rock Mills. At Lime Postoffice a store was demolished and a little white girl, daughter of Mr. Lucas, was killed and her mother seriously injured.

Details of the storm are difficult to obtain on account of the fact that the wires are down.

## HOMES INUNDATED.

Flood in West Virginia Worse and Prospects Very Bad.

(By Associated Press.)  
WHEELING, W. VA., March 21.—The unexpectedly large flood stage materialized here today on the first rise, with a still higher stage coming Thursday on the second rise, complicated the situation in the Wheeling district greatly, and there is more loss than usual to householders and merchants. On Wheeling Island, south and east, Wheeling, second and the Ohio side towns, there are hundreds of houses inundated and much household furniture has been destroyed by the water. In the wholesale district the loss will not amount to much. Reports from below indicate that the water is holding back by side streams coming out, and New Marlinsville, Mountsville, Sistersville and other towns are already suffering from the flood. Clarkburg is on the verge of a flood, and damage has already been inflicted on the Monongahela between Clarkburg and Fairmont, in the mining district.

## FLOOD AT PITTSBURG.

Hundreds of Houses Surrounded—Water Still Rising.

(By Associated Press.)  
PITTSBURG, PA., March 21.—Pittsburg is threatened with one of the worst floods in years. At 10 o'clock the water was at its highest stage, and the river does not expect over thirty-five feet, if that much. During the early hours of today the water began to recede from the rise in the Allegheny, but a fresh impetus was given to the rushing torrents by a rainfall of nearly two inches over the entire watershed of the Monongahela. To-night about fifty miles above Pittsburgh, the Monongahela is rising eight inches an hour and at the harbor here the gauges show a rise of nearly three inches per hour.

Should the river reach the predicted height, the street and surrounding towns will be almost completely submerged, while the railroad along the Monongahela Valley will have to suspend traffic. Already a number of mills have shut down as a result of water getting into the machinery. From three to five feet more of water is expected up the valley, and a total of 20,000 men are likely to be idle to-morrow. Hundreds of houses in Allegheny, on the Southside and in McKeesport and other suburbs are surrounded by water. Two to eight feet of water, the occupants living in the second stories. In some places the water has entered the upper rooms, and homes are being abandoned for the time being. No fatalities have been reported to-day. Several business houses have their basements flooded and the loss will be heavy. The crest of the flood is expected about 9 P. M. Wednesday. It is threatening rain again to-night.

## VOLCANO THROWS UP ISLAND IN JAPAN SEA

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, March 22.—The correspondent at Tokyo of the Daily Telegraph sends to his paper the story of the volcanic throwing up in the last days of December of a new island in the Sea of Japan, some miles south of Iwo. The island has been named Niigahima. It is nearly 2 1/2 miles in circumference and is 480 feet above sea level.

## JULES VERNE, FAMOUS AUTHOR, IS DYING

(By Associated Press.)  
AMIENS, FRANCE, March 21.—The condition of Jules Verne is regarded as hopeless. Telegrams of sympathy from all quarters of the globe have been received. Many of them are from Christian Scientists. Mr. Verne is in the last stage of diabetes.

## Funeral of Senator Hawley.

(By Associated Press.)  
HARTFORD, CONN., March 21.—The funeral of General Joseph R. Hawley, United States senator, held here to-day, brought together a notable gathering of public men. For three hours the body lay in state in the rotunda of the State Capitol, and was viewed by a continuous stream of people. Senator O. H. Platt delivered a eulogy at a memorial service.

## BOWEN PUSHES CASTRO TO WALL

American Minister Offers Venezuela Arbitration or Gunboats.

## ULTIMATUM MAY BE PRESENTED SOON

Holland Stirred Up and Is Preparing to Use Coercive Measures—French Deny That Warships Have Been Sent to Caracas.

(By Associated Press.)  
WILLEMSTAD, ISLAND OF CURAÇOA, March 21.—The Venezuelan government, it is announced from Caracas, has received a note from the American minister, Mr. Bowen, requiring an answer as to whether Venezuela will arbitrate the questions pending and saying that in case of a refusal the United States will feel free to take the steps which may be necessary to get justice.

The charge d'affaires of the Netherlands has advised the Venezuelan government that Holland will use coercive measures. In view of the fact that she has been unable to procure the release from imprisonment in Venezuela of five Dutch sailors, who have been illegally kept in prison for seven months.

## Attitude of United States.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, March 21.—In calling upon President Castro for an answer to his proposition to submit to arbitration the issues between the United States and Venezuela, Minister Bowen is acting in accordance with specific instructions from the State Department which have recently been placed in his hands.

If President Castro rejects this last offer of Mr. Bowen to arbitrate these cases, it is expected that he will promptly report that fact to the State Department, and it will be determined what course to pursue. The minister's presentation of this matter, therefore, is not an actual ultimatum, for the way is still open for further negotiations if the department decides that the time has not yet arrived to withdraw its minister, and adopt some coercive measures. There is great reluctance on the part of the officials to the adoption of the latter course, but the situation is believed to be such that unless the department is willing to submit to the complete effacement of the American claims some action must be taken very soon. Reports have been arriving here for some time that many of the people of Venezuela are penniless and in need of food. One foreign diplomat there recently reported that conditions were indescribable, and that the direct censorship upon everything sent out prevented the world from knowing the actual condition of affairs. All foreigners are closely watched.

## No Warships Sent.

(By Associated Press.)  
PARIS, March 21.—The foreign office says the French minister at Caracas has not presented an ultimatum to Venezuela, and no French warships have been sent to Venezuela.

The cable company during the day received a dispatch from Mr. Brun, the company's manager at Caracas, saying that the courts expected decision was not given to-day. He reported the general conditions to be quiet.

## ILLNESS KEEPS BISHOP AWAY FROM CONFERENCE

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
BALTIMORE, MD., March 21.—Bishop Alpheus Wilson, who was to leave this afternoon for Winchester, Va., to preside over the conference of the Southern Methodist Episcopal Church there, was suddenly taken ill and will not be able to attend. His condition is not considered serious.

## Third Pacific Squadron.

(By Associated Press.)  
CANEA, ISLAND OF CUBA, March 21.—The Russian third Pacific Squadron, under Admiral Nebogatoff, has left Suda Bay for Port Said.

## CARLOAD OF DYNAMITE EXPLODES; 2 MEN DEAD

Buildings in Near by Town Destroyed—Kitchen Ware Smashed.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW ORLEANS, LA., March 21.—A car loaded with dynamite in an Illinois Central freight train exploded near Kenner, twelve miles north of New Orleans, to-day. Two men are missing. One dead man has been found, but is an unrecognizable mass. Considerable damage was done in Kenner, where buildings were wrecked and houses nearby were demolished. Houses nearby were demolished.

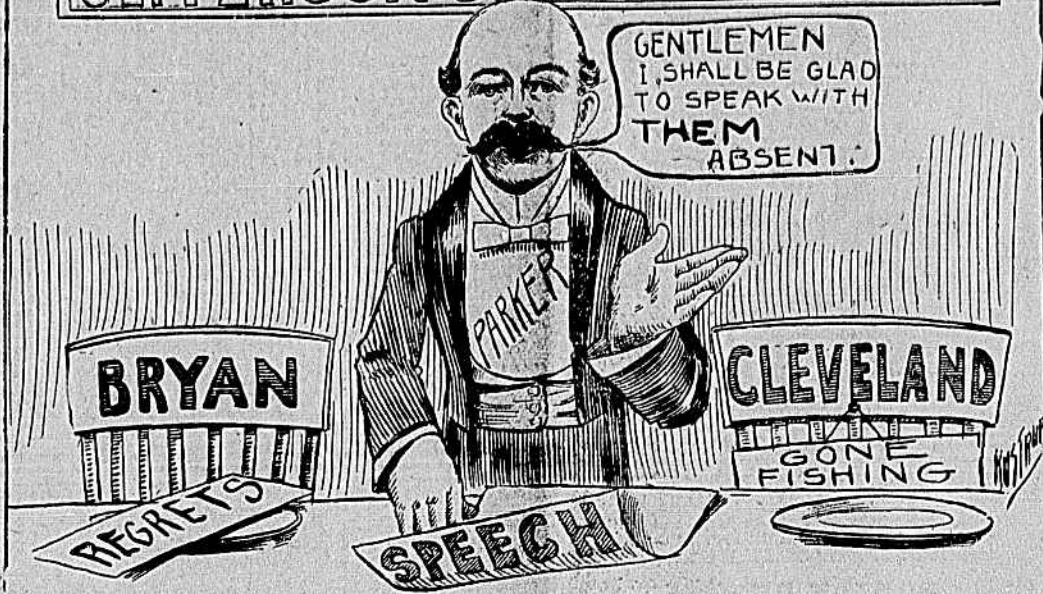
## CHARGED WITH SELLING NEGROES INTO PEONAGE

(By Associated Press.)  
SAYANNAH, GA., March 21.—William J. Crawley, an attorney of Waycross, and T. J. McMillan, former sheriff of Ware county, were placed on trial in the United States Court to-day, charged with selling a negro woman and two boys into peonage to be worked on the convict farm of McRee Bros. in Ware county. The trial is attracting great attention.

## Earl Marries Actress.

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, March 21.—The marriage of the Earl of Rosslyn and Miss Anna Robinson, of New York, the bride was for a short time on the stage.

## JEFFERSON DEMOCRATIC CLUB



## RECONSIDERS AND ACCEPTS.

A few days ago a friend of Judge Parker asked President Fox, of the Democratic Club, if William J. Bryan and former President Grover Cleveland were going to be present at the Jefferson Day dinner. He was informed that both had sent regrets. Mr. Bryan in order to speak in Chicago on that date, and Mr. Cleveland to go bird shooting. Judge Parker then made a formal request for permission to withdraw his letter of regret and to accept the invitation. His request was granted.—New York Telegram.

## MAKE BURT HEAD OF CANAL BOARD

Former President Union Pacific to Undertake Business Management Isthmian Work.

## OFFICIAL REPLY TO DR. REED

Taft Declares Charges Were "Biased" and Mr. Roosevelt Shares Opinion.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, March 21.—Questions relating to the Isthmian Canal and the reorganization of the canal commission occupied much of the attention of the Cabinet at to-day's meeting. It is stated that the name of Horace G. Burt, former president of the Union Pacific Railroad, is under consideration for the position of executive head of the commission, but it has not been decided yet whether he will accept the place. His appointment would interfere in no respect with the retention at the head of the engineering work of Chief Engineer Wallace, who, assisted by probably two other engineers, will have control of the practical engineering operations of the canal construction.

It is the desire of the President and of Secretary Taft to make Mr. Burt the business head of the canal organization, and build up around him such an organization as he would require to accomplish the great work he would undertake as the head of the commission. His salary, it is estimated, will not exceed \$25,000 a year.

## Taft Replies to Dr. Reed.

Secretary Taft to-day made public a letter which he has written to the President concerning complaints made by Dr. C. A. L. Reed, regarding the work of the Isthmian Canal Commission. In the letter of his letter Secretary Taft said that many of the things complained of would be remedied by placing the control of the canal under one head, or at least under a commission composed of not more than three members. He added that he will submit to the President, in a short time, a plan for the rearrangement of the commission. President Roosevelt, in his reply, said he was glad to know that the Secretary is preparing a plan for the rearrangement of the commission, and promises to give the plan (Continued on Second Page.)

## DEPUTIES DEFEAT GAYRAUD'S MOTION

Debate Begins on French Government's Bill Providing for Separation Church and State.

(By Associated Press.)

PARIS, March 21.—The Chamber of Deputies to-day began the debate on the government's bill, providing for the separation of church and state. A large crowd was present and intense interest was shown in the proceedings. The debate began with the motion of Georges Berry (Conservative) deferring the subject until after the general elections of 1906 and the motion of the Abbe Gayraud (Catholic Republican) to refer the question to a parliamentary commission. Mr. Berry's motion putting off the question until after the elections was defeated by 343 to 40 votes. By a vote of 386 to 162 the chamber decided not to accept Abbe Gayraud's motion favoring the appointment of a commission, comprising clergy of different denominations to arrange an amicable settlement of the question of separation. Abbe Gayraud contended that the suppression of the budget of public worship amounted to robbery. It was said, a breach of the 1789 engagement. The courts could compel Catholics to submit to the law, but they would never recognize its justice. If the gauntlet were thrown down to the church, it would be picked up.

## POINTER ON THE WEATHER

FOR EAST—For Wednesday and Thursday: Fair, warmer in the interior; light to fresh northerly winds, becoming variable. For the South Carolina—Fair Wednesday, cold to cool, partly cloudy Thursday, fair, warmer in interior; variable winds.

## CONDITIONS YESTERDAY.

Richmond's weather yesterday was cloudy and chilly.

## MINIATURE ALMANAC.

March 22, 1905.  
Sun rises.....6:12 HIGH TIDE.  
Sun sets.....6:22 Morning.....5:34  
Moon rises.....8:51 Evening.....3:56

## RAILROADS IN BIG MERGER DEAL

Also Reported That Moore-Reed Leeds Party Has Taken Up Matter.

## GREAT INTERESTS AT WORK

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
NEW YORK, March 21.—That a merger of some character of the various Southern iron and steel properties will eventually be made, seems to be accepted, not only by Wall Street, generally, but by all interests identified with the properties.

Among the reports in Wall Street to-day, is one that the scheme for the merger has been taken up by the various railroad companies reaching the Birmingham district, like the Louisville and Nashville, the St. Louis and San Francisco, the Illinois Central and the Seaboard Air Line.

Still another report is current to the effect that the merger scheme has been taken up by the Moore-Reed-Leeds party, who has heretofore been notably successful in other merger or combination plans connected with the steel industry. Perhaps no more powerful group of financiers and practical men in their line of business could be thought of than these and the general belief is that if they should become interested in the scheme, they will be able to carry out their plan to a certain extent. It is made that they have already taken over all the interests held by Mr. Moody and his associates, and that they are now in direct negotiations with the Woodward element in the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company. Incidentally, it may be stated that President J. C. and Iron Company, will be in town next week, ostensibly to attend the annual meeting of the stockholders of his company. His coming at this time so soon after his recent protracted visit, is regarded as significant, and it may be that something definite may take place while he is here.

## T. C. I. Dividend.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, March 21.—The directors of the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Company have declared a dividend of one per cent. on the common stock payable May 1st. This is the first dividend on this stock since November, 1900. The annual meeting of the stockholders of the company will be held on May 24.

## 24 WANT HELP TO-DAY.

The 24 advertisements for help published in to-day's Times-Dispatch on page 10 are as follows:

7 Traders, 11 Miscellaneous, 5 Agents, 1 Salesman.

This not only interests those out of work, but those desiring to improve their positions as well.

## COMMITTEE TO ACT ON MONDAY

A Well-Attended Hearing Had on the Subject of Annexation.

## MANY EXCELLENT SPEECHES MADE

Several Citizens of Chestnut Hill Object to Coming in, But Merchants and Citizens of Richmond, Barton Heights and Fairmount Plead for Broader Limits.

The Committee on Ordinances heard argument on the question of annexation for nearly four hours last night, and deferred final action until next Monday night, when the vote will be taken in executive session.

Both sides of the question were presented at length, but the preponderance of argument was in favor of the amendment proposed by Mr. John B. Minor, carrying the lines beyond Barton Heights and Chestnut Hill.

Some citizens from Chestnut Hill opposed the taking in of that town, but most of the other speeches were favorable to annexation. Representatives were present from the Chamber of Commerce, the town of Barton Heights, the Progress Committee and Broad and Main Streets merchants, and they eloquently pointed out the necessity and advantage of enlarging the city limits.

## Session in Detail.

Subcommittee John B. Minor called the meeting to order at 8:25 o'clock, and there was a fairly good attendance of members, and a large number of visitors present, mostly gentlemen named by various bodies to advocate annexation. Under a suspension of the rules, the body took up and favorably recommended to the Council the ordinance increasing the police force to 111 members.

Mr. Glenn (chairman of the chair), and Mr. Minor moved to enlarge the lines as proposed, so as to extend them beyond Barton Heights and Chestnut Hill. Mr. Minor's motion also included territory lying between Chestnut Hill and Fairmount, the latter town having been included within the lines as formerly drawn, and Mr. Minor asked some long in favor of the proposition, as he sought to amend it, and was asked a number of questions by members of the committee.

When Mr. Minor had completed his remarks, Mr. John B. Minor, of Chestnut Hill, was the first speaker from the citizens, and he was a civil engineer and a speaker of considerable force. Mr. Tyler opposed annexation, and he took a report of the city engineer on annexation, which he characterized as a joke. The speaker denounced the Anderson annexation bill, and he would rather be a farmer in Virginia than a United States senator from the city of New York.

The speaker was clad in a long Prince Albert coat, and he started off as though he would explode the whole theory of annexation, but he proceeded, he gave some evidence that there was argument on the other side.

Mr. H. St. John Collier, of Chestnut Hill, followed Mr. Tyler, and he spoke against annexation. He contended that owing to the elevation of the town, water and gas could not be furnished to Chestnut Hill. The speaker said he could see no advantage in annexation for his town, and his citizens, he was sure, were opposed to annexation. He claimed 144 residents out of 148 in the town as being opposed to annexation.

Mr. Collier claimed that school facilities at Chestnut Hill were far ahead of those in the city, and that the police department of the city was now inadequate to its present needs.

Mr. James H. Dooley, who was detained from the meeting, sent a letter opposing annexation, and declaring that he did not desire to come in at this time.

## For Annexation.

Mayor Gallagher spoke for Fairmount, and in favor of annexation. He declared that 95 per cent. of its people desired to come into the city, and earnestly desired that this action should be taken. Councilman W. K. Beebe spoke for Barton Heights.

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## KUROPATKIN TO REMAIN AT FRONT

Given Command of First Army Under Former Subordinate.

## HAS RENNENKAMPF BEEN SURROUNDED?

Reported He Reached Tie Pass Only to Find It Occupied by Japanese—Oyama's Pursuit Successfully Checked, Giving Russians Time to Reorganize.

(By Associated Press.)  
ST. PETERSBURG, March 22.—2:30 A. M.—The Russian army in Manchuria is still to have the services of General Kuropatkin, who is considered by many, in spite of his series of reverses, the best general and foremost strategist of the Russian army. Stating all feeling of personal bitterness because of his supercession and all the old-time enmity between himself and General Linvitch in a patriotic desire to be of service to the fatherland, the former commander-in-chief volunteered to remain in any capacity with the army which he has so long commanded. The tender has been accepted by Emperor Nicholas and gratefully received by the new leader of the army. The change exactly reverses the old order of affairs, when Kuropatkin was the supreme leader and Linvitch directed the first army.

The retreat is apparently progressing uneventfully. No dispatches of moment were received yesterday.

March 21, 1:15 P. M.—General Linvitch's headquarters have been established for the present at the town of Suifu, situated at the crossing of the Sungari River, whence he is directing the retreat of the three armies and disposing of the fresh troops of the fourth corps just arriving from European Russia. The protection of the Sungari bridge is vital to the salvation of the army. The Japanese are not fordable below Kirin and once the line of the river is passed, and the bridge blown up, the Japanese pursuit will be effectively checked. At the same time the second army is falling back of the line of the railroad, while the first and third with the transport are retreating along the Minkun road to Kirin, both destroying bridges and roads and denuding the country behind them and making it impossible for the Japanese to live in the immediate wake of the retreat without their own equipment. The Japanese are advancing over the grand trade route, twenty miles west of the railroad. No information is available regarding the strength of the Japanese column, but the War Office says it is hardly large enough to constitute a menace with the dispositions General Linvitch is able to make of fresh troops.

Imperial four's to-day touched eighty-seven on the St. Petersburg Bourse, the lowest point since the war broke out.

## KUROPATKIN AT FRONT.

Appointed Commander of First Manchurian Army—Great Ovation at Harbin.

(By Associated Press.)  
ST. PETERSBURG, March 21.—A. M.—General Kuropatkin has been appointed commander of the first Manchurian army. The appointment is gazetted in the Official Messenger to-day.

(By Associated Press.)  
HARBIN, March 21.—3 A. M.—At the departure southward of General Kuropatkin crowds of thousands of civilians and soldiers gathered at the station to bid him a great ovation. Above thundering hurrahs were heard cries of "God send you happiness!" "Good-bye, brother!" "Good-bye, father!" As the train started soldiers rushed forward in a surging crowd and grasped the hand rail of the General's car, throwing their fur caps and hats and running some distance with the car. The scene made a deep impression on General Kuropatkin, down whose face tears streamed. Removing his cap, he saluted again and again, and stood bareheaded on the platform as the car was launched on its way. It is feared that residents of Harbin are uneasy and many of them are departing. Chinese are withdrawing their deposits from Chinese banks here.

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## DIVISION CUT OFF?

Reported That Rennenkampf Has Been Surrounded at Tie Pass.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, March 21.—Russian official circles in London, although without official news are inclined to credit a Harbin story, published in Paris, connecting the firing reported to have been heard yesterday morning about seven miles south of Tie Pass with General Kuropatkin's policy, and that the only explanation of a cannonade in that locality is that Kuropatkin has at length arrived at Tie Pass, where the Russian armies were ordered to rendezvous in case of retreat, but only to find the place occupied by the Japanese. It is feared that it is feared that Kuropatkin is surrounded.

## JAPANESE BALKED.

Delayed Sufficiently by Rear-Guard to Allow Russians to Reorganize.

(By Associated Press.)

TOKIO, March 21.—3 P. M.—No reports of the Russian retreat or Japanese pursuit were received to-day, which is strengthening the belief that the Russians plan to hold the line from Chang Chun to Kirin. The Japanese continue to follow closely General Linvitch's rear-guard, but the damaged bridges impede their progress and possibly will create sufficient delay to permit the Russians to reorganize, reinforce, partially reorganize and construct works at Chang Chun and Kirin. It is reported that a portion of the

## GERMANY SEEKING FRENCH ALLIANCE

Kaiser Anxious to Get on Terms of Closest Friendship With Ancient Enemy.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, March 22.—The Daily Chronicle this morning claims to have the authority of the German embassy at London for stating that Germany is anxious for a reconciliation with France, and that Emperor William is desirous of getting on terms of closest friendship with the French government. According to a high official of the embassy, whom the Daily Chronicle interviewed, the present moment is considered most opportune to arrive at such an understanding, the Russo-Japanese war having entirely changed the political situation. Germany, the official said, had reason to consider the Franco-Russian alliance as directed against herself, and in that case the motive of German overtures to France might have been misjudged. Now, however, it will be impossible for Russia to engage in war with Germany for years to come, even if she wished, and therefore, if the question of revenge is buried, there is nothing to prevent Germany and France from shaking hands and inaugurating an era of peace and good will. Prince Henry's visit to France to see the James Gordon Bennett automobile cup race will be the first official visit of a Prussian prince since the war, and the relations of the two countries never have been better.

## BALFOUR AND CABINET DESERT CHAMBERLAIN

Decision That Fiscal Question Is Not Critical Party Issue Causes Big Sensation.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, March 21.—The Cabinet meeting to-day discussed the fiscal situation in the House of Commons and decided that in future the government will not use pressure upon its followers in regard to the opposition's resolutions framed to commit the government on the fiscal question. As a result, the resolution announced for the night session of March 22, expressing the opposition of the House to a tax on imported manufactured articles will probably be carried by a comfortable majority, but the opposition will be unable to reap more than an indirect political benefit. The decision of the Cabinet was backed up by Joseph Chamberlain's followers to-night, when, at a meeting of seventy-eight Unionist tariff reformers it was decided not to participate in the debates or divisions on the resolutions, the vote on which will, however, be interesting, because it will be a "go-as-you-please." The government having decided that the fiscal question is not a critical party issue, which will not be sent out. A majority for the resolution will not be considered a defeat for the government. This move on the part of Premier Balfour is the political sensation of the hour, and is being hailed with great joy by free traders, who claim that it is a definite desertion of Mr. Chamberlain by his former Cabinet associates.